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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 13, 2002, petition for a three-month extension of time and payment being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

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